

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 22, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 540

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 540 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to remove the uncertainty of burial provisions for veterans and their families. Specifically, this measure:


- (1) Makes permanent the requirements for the burial of members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents in veterans cemeteries in Hawaii; and
- (2) Ensures that the criteria for the burial of members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents in veterans cemeteries in Hawaii conform with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' eligibility requirements for burial in a national or state cemetery.

The National Association for Uniformed Services-Hawaii Chapter (HI-1); Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; Papa Ola Lokahi; and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Office of Veterans Services testified in support of the intent of this bill.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 540 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Veterans,
Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the
Arts,



K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB540</i>	Committee Referral: <i>VMI, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/20/13</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ^{<i>KTT</i>} Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
TOTAL (10)	<i>10</i>			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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